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FRANCISCO AGUIRRE BACA  
ROLANDO MASFERRER

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FRANCISCO AGUIRRE BACA  
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REGISTRATION ACT - NICARAGUA  
(Miami file - 105-1825)  
(WFO file - 105-30114)  
(Bufile - 62-77794)

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MARCOS PEREZ JIMENEZ  
IS - VENEZUELA  
(Miami file - 109-39)  
(New York file - 62-11817)  
(Bufile - 109-283)

AUGUSTO MARIA FERRANDO  
IS - DOMINICAN REPUBLIC  
(Miami file - 105-1571)  
(Bufile - 109-64)

Reurlet of 8/26/59 requesting Bureau authority  
to interview Marcos Perez Jimenez, Mariano Paget Diaz,  
and Rolando Masferrer in connection with captioned investi-  
gations.

You are authorized to conduct the interviews;  
however, in questioning Perez Jimenez regarding the pay-  
ment of \$40,000 to Augusto Maria Ferrando, care should be  
exercised in order to protect the First National Bank of  
Miami as the source. Care should also be exercised to  
protect the identity of I. Irving Davidson as a source  
for information regarding Francisco Aguirre Baca.

The results of these interviews should be sub-  
mitted in report form and under the appropriate captions.

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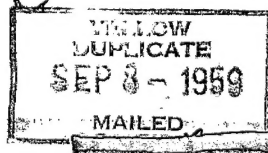
① - 100-344127 (Rolando Masferrer)  
1 - 64-21981 (Mariano Paget Diaz)  
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Letter to SAC, Miami  
Re: Francisco Aguirre Baca  
62-77794  
Re: Marcos Perez Jimenez  
109-283  
Re: Augusto Maria Ferrando  
109-64

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NOTE: Francisco Aguirre Baca, part owner of "Diario Las Americas," a Spanish-language newspaper published in Miami and has been cooperative in the past with the Bureau. A CIA report dated 1/21/59 alleged subject and a group of Nicaraguan exiles in Washington, D. C., have initiated a move to remove General Somoza from his position as head of the Nicaraguan national guard and install a provisional military dictatorship to rule for a two-year period. (u)

Marcos Perez Jimenez is a former President of Venezuela and is alleged to be involved in a plot with other Venezuelan exiles in the U. S. to overthrow current government of Venezuela. He has been ordered to leave the U. S. by INS but has appealed decision and recently Venezuelan Government filed extradition charging him with murder and embezzling funds in Venezuela. He has previously been interviewed by Miami Office. I. Irving Davidson, when interviewed by WFO, stated Pedro Estrada, former head of Venezuelan police, and Gustavo San Roman, a wealthy Venezuelan contractor, stated they underwrote the losses of "Diario Las Americas" to extent of \$15,000 per month to get favorable comments in Venezuela.

Colonel Mariano Paget Diaz is former Miami confidential source, 492-S, and former Chief of the Bureau for the Repression of Communist Activities (ERAC) in Cuba and has been cooperative with Bureau. Davidson alleged Paget told him prior to fall of Batista, Francisco Aguirre offered to use his influence and newspaper to assist in bettering public opinion of Batista for \$15,000 to \$30,000. (u)

Former Cuban senator, Rolando Masferrer is now in Miami area under INS parole. He has been in contact with Miami Office previously. Davidson alleged Francisco Aguirre recently made an unsuccessful trip to Dominican Republic to sell his newspaper to that government and had been sent there by Masferrer. Augusto Maria Ferrando, Dominican consul, Miami, entered U. S. in early 1959 under an exequatur issued by State Department which renders him liable to prosecution. He has been active in anti-Castro plotting, has a notorious record as intelligence agent and was arrested in May, 1959, attempting to bribe a Customs official.

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